

## The Press and Banner

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Published Every Wednesday by  
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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Abbeville Press and Banner, including the plant and good will of the business, has been sold by Messrs. W. W. and W. E. Bradley to The Press and Banner Company, which Company is incorporated under the laws of the State. The new Company will continue the publication of the paper. The management of the paper will be under the direction of William P. Greene, who becomes the editor.

The Messrs. Bradley remain stockholders in the new company and will be interested in the success of the paper. While their business engagements prevent them from taking any active part in the management of the paper, they will, nevertheless, from time to time, and as occasion may require, contribute to the columns of the paper.

Mr. W. A. Lee, a son of the late W. A. Lee, a distinguished lawyer of the Abbeville Bar, and a man of letters; at one time editor of the Press and Banner, will join the news-gatherers and will be assistant to the manager. Mr. Lee is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and is well and favorably known to the people of the city.

Mr. James Martin, who has been so long with the Press and Banner, will remain as bookkeeper and Manager of Advertising. The paper could hardly run without him.

In addition, we will have a large number of correspondents sending in news from every part of the county. We expect each week that these correspondents will furnish us such items as will be interesting to the public, and as will make the paper readable.

The new company will continue the job printing business, making such changes in, and additions to, the plant as is necessary to keep it up to the high standard which has been maintained by its predecessors. A competent force of printers will be in charge and the work will be done in a satisfactory manner and delivered promptly.

The new company solicits the support of the public.

The Press and Banner Company.

### OUR BOW.

On assuming the management of this paper, I have had some misgivings, but having undertaken the task, it will be performed to the best of my ability. In the conduct and management of the paper, I shall have the assistance and advice of those who have gone before. From their experience, and from an interchange of views with them, I hope to gain much. That they know a great deal more than I shall learn for a long while I have no doubt. But after I have had their advice, and after I have had their experience told me, I shall choose for myself the path to follow, and shall undertake to direct the paper along such lines as I believe to be for the interest of the community in which I live, and of which I am a part; I shall try to make such suggestions, and advocate such measures as shall promote the public good of my city and county. That I shall err oftentimes is but to say that I am human. I hope it is not too much for me to say for myself, that I shall at all times endeavor to be sane and sincere.

The paper will be conducted primarily to furnish its readers the news, such news as a well directed weekly newspaper should furnish to its readers. I shall not expect to do it all at once; I shall not have the purpose to equal, nor to excel those who have directed the affairs of the paper in the past; but I shall make such changes and advocate such policies as seem to me right, though at variance with established customs and policies of some of my predecessors.

While I hope to be able to do something to promote the public welfare of the city and county, what I shall have to say is not to be taken as adverse criticism of those in authority; but I shall assume to make suggestions to be adopted or rejected, accordingly as the suggestions, in the judgment of those in authority, are wise or unwise. In the building of better school houses, the employment of better teachers, in the improvement of methods, and in the better management of our public schools, we must all look for the advancement of the community. All other things must follow in the wake of a more general and a more thorough education of the everyday man and woman.

The county newspaper cannot stay out of politics, I am told. I shall not attempt it. But this newspaper will not be the organ of any man, except always as we shall see it, of the best man. While I shall have the right to express my views, I shall not, however, try to impose these views on others, who have a mind to know and think, and a heart to love the right, as well as I. I shall endeavor, therefore, to respect the honest

views of all men, while reserving the right to believe and say that they are wrong.

What we all look forward to is better things, better ways of living, better people, better manners, better morals, and above all better advantages for those who are to come after us. This paper is here to co-operate with all the people of Abbeville county in trying to accomplish these results, and I invite the co-operation of all good men and women in the undertaking.

Wm. P. Greene,  
Editor.

### PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

The House and Senate have passed the bill introduced by Representative Moore for the repeal of the acreage reduction bill. The object of the bill was a praiseworthy one. Everyone knows that the South has been for years impoverishing itself by raising only cotton. The high prices of this staple for several years past has but aggravated the situation. More corn and grain should have been raised these several years. But the people who sowed the wind are they who are reaping the whirlwind. Some proper lesson from the situation in which they found themselves during the past fall was inevitable. Consequently, farmers all over the state have sowed grain greatly in excess of previous years. We believe that the figures show that a half-million acres more of small grain has been sowed than was sowed the previous year. This will reduce the yield of cotton in the state some two hundred thousand bales. With the increased acreage in corn, and smaller consumption of fertilizers, the yield of cotton will be reduced still more. No doubt the Act passed at the extra session of the General Assembly caused some of this grain to be planted, but the greater portion of the increase should be attributed to the fact that farmers in this state have as much common sense as the average man. Sizing up the situation, they have turned to the crops most likely to serve their own ends. And because they can manage their own affairs it is but proper that the legislature should not appoint itself their guardian.

The same may be said of the Warehouse measure then acted into law. We have not studied the situation as others may have done, and we have no reliable figures. At the same time, we are prepared to believe that the farmers of the state will not tamely submit to a system of private warehouses that amounts to robbery; nor to a system of marketing the cotton crop which amounts to the same thing. We have farmers in the state and in this county, able to own and operate their own warehouses. Surely men of this class will not permit themselves to be plundered by a few other men who happen to be in the warehouse business. Can these men not build and equip small plants of their own and store their own cotton; or cannot several of them by banding together do the same thing; and cannot they take care of their less fortunate brothers? Our experience has been that when great rates of interest are to be made out of any business, and the door of opportunity is open, the yankee spirit, which is in all of us, dares to enter. It may be true as stated by some, that the warehouse receipts of private corporations are not marketable, and that money cannot be had on these receipts as readily as on receipts issued by a state officer; but credit has to be built in any business, and sooner or later the loaning public will know whose paper is to be bought. If any security is to be required as to these receipts, the same may be secured by the state placing such restrictions on the business as will prevent the storage of cotton in warehouses on which liens exist, and the value of the security offered may be guaranteed by requiring bonds of public warehousemen. As Representative Graydon said on the floor of the House, governments were made to govern the people and not to enter business. Let the government regulate the business, but do not stir individual effort.

And because a government should not enter into private business, we cannot favor the Land bill of Mr. Graydon's. This bill is printed elsewhere in this paper. The object sought to be obtained is a most laudable one. The author of the bill has given it considerable thought. The bill is in many respects ably drawn; it throws many safeguards around the proposed purchase of lands. But these proposed safeguards are in themselves a confession of the weakness and vulnerability of the measure. The author recognizes the lurking danger and undertakes to avoid it.

It is proposed that certain state officers and a Land Commissioner shall purchase lands and sell them to qualified electors without a payment and only on a year's interest being advanced. The Land Commissioner is to inspect all lands offered for sale and the Commission is to buy only lands suitable for cultivation. Necessarily the other officers of the state who are on the proposed buying commission must take advice and rely solely on the statements and conclusions of the Commissioner. He says what lands should be bought, he says what price should be paid, he says what land may be cultivated,

and what is desirable. The other members accept his statement and act on it, or they act without information. It is true that the Commissioner is required to give a bond; but who shall say that he did not exercise a deliberate judgment when he said that land was worth twelve dollars per acre, when it would not bring five at public auction in normal times: who shall say he defrauded the state if he reports that certain lands may be cultivated, when a great many other people believe that it may be cultivated, but not to advantage.

There will always be opportunity for good stealing as long as the state is in the purchasing business. The frequent indictments against city and state officials for fraud in connection with purchases even for corporate purposes warns us that this thing of buying for somebody else with the state's money is a dangerous business and should be avoided.

Another objection to this,—we do not believe that the money to pay the state's indebtedness should be invested in property of this character, or in lands at all. Aside from the danger of loss in over payment, there is always the danger of loss by depreciation, and the loss of income from "the war," or other calamity. If cotton goes to five cents, or if the purchasers of these lands "have not sold our cotton" when interest is due, who will pay the interest?

Besides this, it is a mistaken notion that any white man in this state, who wants to own his own home, may not do so. If Mr. Graydon will but inquire around him, he will find that there are in Abbeville County many young men owning their farms, buying and paying for others, and getting on the world, because they have the will and the necessary industry to go ahead. He will find farmers living on adjoining lands, the one who, starting without anything, is buying and paying for his, and educating at the same time a large family, while his neighbor, who inherited his, who started with a home, with stock and all else needful make a farmer, is headed toward poverty. The man who has determined to have a home and own it will have it; he does not look to the state to buy it; he trusts to his own strong right arm, and asks alms of no man.

The development of the country is slow, it is true. There are many waste places. The harvest is great, and the laborers few. But several general generations are yet to follow us, and we should leave something for them to do. Let them enter upon the unexplored places in quest of a home, even as the fathers sought out this goodly land, and let them build some, improve some, and pass the work on to others. Some trees extend heartfelt sympathy and we commend them to him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, whose grace is sufficient to heal every sorrow.

Fifth. That a copy of these resolutions be published in our county papers and a page be inserted in our book to his memory, and a copy of the same be sent to his family.

Committee Stonewall Lodge No. 124, A. F. M.:  
Thomas A. Talbert,  
Joe L. Russell, Jr.,  
Robert L. Dendy.

### McDUFFIE COUNTY.

The State Board of Canvassers on Thursday last reversed the Greenwood Board in declaring illegal the election for the formation of McDuffie county. The matter will likely go to the Supreme Court and the legality of the election in which many qualified electors, residing within the territory of the proposed new county were denied the right to vote, will be there determined. Pending the decision of the Court no opinion should be expressed as to the result.

If the friends of the new county have in all respects complied with the law, and the Court shall decree the election valid, the county should be established. It is equally true that if the statutory and constitutional requirements have not been complied with, the county should not be established. Those claiming to know, state, upon the authority of a surveyor who has once surveyed the county, that if McDuffie county is established, Abbeville county will have less than five hundred square miles, the constitutional minimum for old counties. The people in other parts of the county who will be left with the bag to hold, have a right to ask that this matter be determined. The Supervisor of this county should at once have a survey made to determine it. If he does not feel called upon to act in the matter the delegation in the General Assembly should by proper resolution require such survey.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Stonewall Lodge is called to mourn the loss of another brother. Grim Reaper has invaded our rights, removed from our midst Brother Jno. M. Cuddy. He was stricken down in the prime of manhood, having been sick only a few days.

Brother Cuddy was born September 25th, 1872, and died January 3rd, 1915.

To the memory of our deceased brother, we offer the following resolutions:

First. We bow in humble submission to Him who rules the universe and doeth all things well.

Second. That we have lost a brother and a useful citizen, one whom all will miss, but especially Stonewall Lodge. His zeal for the Craft, was such that he was never out of office. He was a Past Master and had filled all the stations in the Lodge. He was held in the highest esteem by the entire community, but especially by his brethren. He was full of information for the benefit of the Craft and was always willing to impart it to those less informed.

Third. That he was not only a good Mason, but a good man, always willing to bow in submission to the One who created all things, and was always ready when duty called, in his home, in his church and in his every day life. One who had no superiors with us and few equals.

Fourth. To his heart broken wife and little one, and to his aged parents, who have lost a kind husband, a loving father and an obedient son, Stonewall Lodge extends heartfelt sympathy and we commend them to Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, whose grace is sufficient to heal every sorrow.

Fifth. That a copy of these resolutions be published in our county papers and a page be inserted in our book to his memory, and a copy of the same be sent to his family.

### Meeting U. D. C.

Abbeville Chapter U. D. C. will meet Feb. 9 at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Henry Hill. All members are urged to attend and bring yearly dues. This is a most important meeting.

Mrs. J. Howard Moore,  
Rec. Sec.

The New York cotton market closed yesterday at seven points above the previous day's closing figures. Spot cotton sold on the Abbeville market at 8-8 cents.

Col. W. W. Bradley is in Columbia today giving the General Assembly the "once over."

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Lucas County,  
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FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898.  
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## The Report on the Hospital for the Insane.

Dr. A. P. Herring, Secretary of the Maryland Lunacy Commission, and an alienist of national reputation, employed by Gov. Manning to inspect the asylum, made his report on yesterday and the same was sent to the House and Senate at 1 o'clock. The report is devoid of sensational and discusses matters in an impartial and businesslike way.

The general arrangement of the buildings is criticised. The sanitary condition of the buildings is declared to be inexcusable. The force in charge of the inmates is stated to be entirely inadequate.

The superintendent in charge, the report says, has no hospital experience, having been a country doctor all his life, and not fitted for the work which he has undertaken.

The report states that the State of South Carolina is fifty years behind civilization in its care of the unfortunate inmates of the institution.

The Senate ordered four hundred copies of the report printed.

The members of the House and Senate will inspect the institution on Thursday.

### Calhoun Falls.

Calhoun Falls, S. C., Feb. 2, 1915.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tucker will regret to know that it was necessary to take Mr. Tucker to Atlanta for medical treatment.

Mr. E. N. Tucker has returned from Atlanta where he went to accompany his father.

Mr. Ollie Tucker went to Atlanta last week.

Miss Sulee Goldenberg was in Abbeville Monday on business.

Miss Ray Langley was in Abbeville yesterday.

Mrs. S. A. Cox has returned home after an extended trip to Greenville.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker, Jan. 18, twins, a boy and a girl.

Mrs. E. M. Lander is visiting friends in Greenville this week.

Mrs. H. Weinraub has returned from Augusta.

Mr. Geo. Attaway, our police officer, has been doing a great deal of repairing to the streets and walks since being in office.

Mrs. W. P. Harrison has returned home from Newberry where she spent several days visiting relatives.

R. P. Martin was in Abbeville yesterday on business.

Mrs. Lizzie Cason spent last Friday and Saturday at her home in Abbeville.

Miss Carrie Garrison, one of the teachers at the mill store, is now boarding with Mrs. Underwood.

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## Notice to Tax Payers.

For the Purpose of Accommodating the Public in the Matter of Making their Tax Returns, I will visit the Places Mentioned Below on the Dates Indicated in Schedule.

ALL RETURNS must be made under oath, of personal property returned at its market value.

Persons not making their returns between January 1, 1915, and February 20, 1915, are liable to a penalty of 50 per cent. This penalty will be enforced against delinquents; for the failure to enforce it heretofore has put a premium on neglect of the law.

The returns of those who conform to the law are placed before the Township and County Boards, while those who disregard the law come in after the meeting of the Boards and return to suit themselves. The enforcement of this 50 per cent. penalty will correct this evil.

Employers are requested to return all of their employees after notifying them and getting a statement of their property.

Returns will not be taken by mail unless they are sworn to before some proper officer. All improvements or any transfer of real estate must be reported to the Auditor.

### My Appointments are as Follows:

Calhoun Falls, Tuesday, Feb. 2.  
Lowndesville, Wednesday and Thursday Feb. 3 and 4.  
Mt. Carmel, Friday, Feb. 5.  
Willington, Tuesday, Feb. 9.  
Bordeaux, Wednesday, Feb. 10.  
McCormick, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 11 and 12.  
Donalds, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15 and 16.  
Due West, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 17 and 18.  
E. A. Patterson will take returns at Antreville.

RICHARD SONDELEY, Auditor, Abbeville County

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